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Clerk has read. It's a need for rule suspension, obviously, because we don't have adequate time. We've tried to have this in the press and in previous announcements but this would be the hearing schedule for Friday, starting at nine o'clock. We're going to condense that. I think it's appropriate to announce at this point that those will be...this is intended to be very brief appearances by those that want to be there. I'm going to put on record at this point that these will be very...severely timed. We know the issues, you know the issues, and so we anticipate that we will have a very condensed hearing schedule. And I will put everyone on warning that we are going to be timed depending on how many turn out. And we're just talking about, here, whether we'll change the hearing schedule in the afternoon to get done even a little sooner. But that's all that I have, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. You've heard the motion to suspend the rules for the scheduling of hearings. Open for discussion, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, just so it won't be misunderstood, I didn't realize this was a motion just to suspend the rules for this purpose. So my light is on inappropriately in this instance.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Wehrbein, did you wish to close? He waives his option to close. The motion before the body is suspend the rules to permit scheduling of hearings. All in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? We're voting on the motion to suspend the rules. Requires 30 votes. Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 9 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to suspend the rules.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The rules are suspended. Mister ...

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a hearing notice from the Appropriations Committee, scheduling certain agencies for public hearing and LB 1309, LB 1310 for this Friday.